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SUBJ: REACTION TO UTHMAN ASSASSINATION

CINCEUR FOR POLAD

1. REPUBLICAN COUNCIL AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ISSUED STATEMENT FOLLOWING EXTRAORDINARY MEETING MAY 30 TO DISCUSS UTHMAN ASSASSINATION. STATE BLAMED KILLING ON QTE COWARDLY AND VICIOUS FOREIGN POLITICAL PLOTTING UNQTE BY AN IMMORAL AND POLITICAL EXTREMIST QTE AGENCY UNQTE. PDRY NOT MENTIONED BY NAME, BUT REFERENCE IS CLEAR.

2. ACCORDING ADEN RADIO MAY 30, PDRY, IN WHAT YEMENIS TAKE AS OFFENSIVELY GROSS HYPOCRACY, HAS SENT CONDOLENCES TO YAR AND ANNOUNCED THAT MININT KHAMIRI WILL REPRESENT IT AT FUNERAL. RESPONDING TO ATTER A SENIOR YARG OFFICIAL CALLED ADEN ON TELEPHONE AND WARNED KHAMIRI YARG WOULD TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS SAFETY IF HE
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SHOWED HIS FACE IN SANAA.

3. KILLING OF UTHMAN HAS CAUSED SENSE OF DEEP
FRUSTRATED ANGER WITHIN YARG, REINFORCED BY FEELING OF
HELPLESSNESS REGARDING COUNTRY' S INABILITY TO PROTECT
ITSELF AGAINST PDRY ATTACKS, SUCH AS RECENT BAYDA
KILLINGS OF ARMY OFFICERS AND CIVILIANS. YARG STILL
HESITATES TO CHARGE PDRY PUBLICLY WITH RESPONSIBILITY
BECAUSE OF FACADE OF UNITY TALKS, BUT MORE BECAUSE IT
FEARS INCREASED TERRORISM FROM PDRY IF IT DOES SO.
NONETHELESS UTHMAN ASSASSINATION IS GENERALLY BEING
VIEWED AS LAST STRAW IN YARG EFFORTS TO SEEK EVEN
MINIMAL ACCOMMODATION WITH PDRY.
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